

Local Items.

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Christmas Notes.

Mud.
Rain.
Slush!
Sleet and snow.

The mudiest, but happiest week for years.
Peace on earth and good will to all men.

All the school children have been enjoying vacation this week, looking for Santa Claus.

Rev. Geo. E. Flowers was the recipient of a number of good and substantial Christmas presents from the members of his congregation.

Judge Jan. W. Wingate, the oldest printer in America, except some, received a Christmas present of a splendid overcoat from Mayor Tyler, for which he desires to return his profoundest acknowledgments.

The Social Dancing Club had an evening of the 24th, but the most delightful dance on record. Seventeen couples on the floor, and McCutchen Hall was full of loveliness, gallantry, music and joy!

The teachers and scholars of the Methodist Sunday School were to enjoy a Christmas supper at the court house, last night, but our hour of going to press prevents a report. Previous occasions will warrant the saying that it was in every respect delightful and happy.

The trade in Hickman this week—some days in some houses—has been almost like a mob—the rush and crowd has been so great. The rush for Christmas purchases, together with the usual trade, has exceeded anything for years. The jam of people, together with the slush, mud and rain, causes us to pronounce this Christmas a "fraud." We hope the merchants enjoy it.

The Jacob's Ladder at the Episcopal church was an enjoyable event beyond description, notwithstanding the inclement evening. The little boys and girls, and not a few of the young ladies, and gentlemen, and some of the older citizens, received presents and made presents, and every hand was busy with the gifts that speak of each other's affection and good will. The joyous memories of many a child will cling to that ladder for years and years, and we certainly hope that the happy anticipations of each were fully realized, and will never be darkened. Would we were a child again!

Our people have all had their usual Christmas pleasures, merriment and happiness. The married folks, around good dinner tables, seeing the children happy, have felt like boys and girls again. Rich or poor, grand or humble, each family has in some way had a brighter look; the little boys and girls have had their sweet hearts, dances and socials; the little boys fire crackers and fun, the little girls dolls and dainties, and the dear old folks happy hearts and kind remembrances that make their blessed old eyes look gay through the cares of age. The Courier extends its Christmas greetings to one and all, with the hope of success, happiness and wealth, may be the lot of each and every one who read these Christmas notes.

We enjoyed a splendid oyster supper, given at the Laclede, on the night of the 24th, by J. Amberg's oyster clerks. As an honored guest, together with 25 or 30 others, we were treated right royally. The supper was occasioned by a proffer between the clerks and proprietors of this old and popular house as to the amount of sales the 15 days preceding Christmas. The clerks ran the sales on each of the 15 trial days more than \$100 a day in excess of the amount. The clerks were to sell over \$4,000 worth of goods to get the supper, whereas their sales aggregated, we are told by one of the clerks, something over \$6,000. Master Henry Levi Amberg was, from reasons beyond his control, not present at the supper.

The Amberg house has been established in Hickman about 36 years, has been eminently successful, has accumulated quite a large fortune, and has permanently and inseparably interwoven with the commercial interests of this section. Its present proprietors are now reaching out with renewed vigor, activity and enterprise; and the Courier wishes them continued prosperity and a long life.

OUR CLOAKS AND DOLMANS just arrived, and being rather late, we offer them much below their real value. Call and examine.
J. H. PLAUT & BRO.

MORE SAFE "CRACKING."—On Sunday night, after the robbery of Powell's safe here at Hickman, on Friday morning, the store house of Matt, Davis & Co., Point Pleasant, Mo., was entered and an attempt made to blow open their safe. They drilled two holes in the safe, poured in the powder and were just ready to touch it off, when some walking on the outside frightened them off. There were two of them. They jumped out of the window, and were known to have come to Point Pleasant by skiff from up the river. The holes drilled in the safe of Matt, Davis & Co., are identical in size with those in the safe of Powell & Bro., indicating that the work was performed by the same parties. The burglars came by river, but they doubtless have confederates in this section.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" cures constiveness and Sick-Headache.
For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

The Shoffner Furniture Factory, Union City, was destroyed by fire, Saturday morning last. No insurance. Loss estimated at from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The Chronicle says: "Mr. Shoffner went to work, and before daylight next morning had his plans arranged and a contract made for another finer and better establishment, work on the new building to be begun at once." This shows pluck and enterprise, and also that furniture making pays.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN—AN EXPERT ROBBERY.—On Thursday night last the grocery house of Powell & Bro., was entered, the safe blown open and robbed of its contents. The burglars must have entered by means of a false key, or have been secreted in some part of the house, which is a very rare case, when the store was closed the evening before. The robbery occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock Friday morning, and quite a number of the occupants of houses in the vicinity were aroused by the explosion. The citizens who were thus aroused, hearing no further disturbance, and not knowing from whence the explosion came or what caused it, gave no further attention to the matter until morning. The burglar who performed the work was unquestionably a thorough and skilled expert in the business, as it was done with mathematical precision. The hole drilled in the safe was exactly in the right place, without the variation of a hair's breadth, and he had even taken the precaution to place a piece of hay and cotton in proper place, so that when the explosion occurred, the safe-door, &c., would not be blown through the wall. After the explosion, the robbers seem to have had abundant time to examine the contents of the safe, as some packages in the pigeon holes appear to have been opened and examined. The loose papers in the safe were blown promiscuously about the office of the store, and some of them considered scorched and burnt. The robbers took the iron vault of the safe with them, but did not take any goods or other things from the store. The vault contained from \$40 to \$50 in greenbacks, about \$400 in uncurrent Southern money and notes on citizens amounting, probably, to several thousand dollars. We imagine the robbers were badly "fed" on opening the vault and finding so small a prize, compared to the big haul they doubtless expected. Formerly the Powell Bros. had considerable amounts of money deposited with them and kept their own money in the safe in the store, but, fortunately, some months since, believing it unsafe, they caused their depositions to remove their money, and have their own money on deposit elsewhere, only keeping enough in the store for change purposes. They were also exceedingly fortunate in having kept an exact duplicate memorandum of all their most valuable notes, and will therefore suffer comparatively little from the loss of the originals. Altogether, their loss will amount to several hundred dollars.

On the same night the grocery store of J. R. Brown & Co., was entered, the safe removed from its place, but from some unknown cause, no damage was done, and nothing taken.

OFFICERS K. OF H.—On last Friday night the Hickman Lodge Knights of Honor elected the following officers for the ensuing six months:
Dictator—John Kimes.
Vice Dictator—Jos. Steagala.
Asst. Dictator—Thos. Dillon.
Treasurer—H. C. Amberg.
Finance Reporter—Henry Beckman.
Reporter—T. M. French.
Chaplain—G. W. Flowers.
Guide—Thos. Hayes.
Guardian—E. T. Gardner.
Sentinel—George Warren.
Trustees—Chas. Balthor, R. T. Tyler, O. Hertweck.
Representative—Jas. A. Warner.
Alternate—Jan. W. Cowgill.

This lodge has been in existence in Hickman something over three years, and during that time has paid out \$30,000 to widows and orphans, and over \$600 to the benefit of the sick.

Mr. Jim Gordon, formerly of Hickman, died at Dyersburg, last Sunday.

Ran Rice, the famous circus clown, professed religion, in St. Louis, last week; and is now preaching with Moody and Sankey, in that city.

A new lot of the latest styles calicoes just received at J. AMBERG'S SON'S.

C. D. Trescott, formerly of Union City, is to commence a paper at Tiptonville, to be called the "Lake Star." He should call it "The Lady of the Lake."

Take "BLACK-DRAUGHT" and you will never be bilious.
For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

SOME of our princely troupe got rather unmanageable Christmas day and hence the Courier is a little short in reading matter this week.

In a personal difficulty Christmas eve, at James' Bayou, a man by the name of Wilson shot a man by the name of Halcy. Halcy was alive yesterday. The extent of wound not known.

One Jno. Myers, a Gorman, teacher, was arrested in Louisville, this week, on the charge of bigamy. He married a Miss Gray, at Trenton, Tenn., and last week married a Miss Calpinger, at Litchfield, Kentucky.

The upper rivers have all been rising again, but the present severe cold snap, being general, will check it short up, and hence there need be no present apprehension of an excessive rise.

The Mayor's message, in this issue, exhibiting the financial condition of the town, should be read by every taxpayer. The statement shows a much healthier condition of affairs than we expected, and we think, on the whole, the management has been very prudent and wise.

Jos. Steagala, a connoisseur of everything that's good, presented the Courier a fine turkey for our Christmas dinner. He keeps dressed fowls, venison, Irish lemons, Dutch lemons, and all such things for sale. He has our undivided thanks.

We have a nice line of ladies' cloaks and shawls, balmaines, cotton and woolen hose, nubbies, hoods and furs, which we will sell very low. Call and examine.
J. AMBERG'S SONS.

The members of the lodge of Knights and Ladies of Honor are respectfully requested to meet at their lodge room Friday night, on which occasion the membership will enjoy an oyster supper, and also the semi-annual election of officers will occur.

The recent trade at Hickman has been three times as large this year as the same time last year, or any previous year for several years past, so leading merchants tell us. In some houses, customers couldn't get waited on for the lack of clerks. There's room for more business houses in certain lines, sure.

Everybody feels encouraged about trade just now. We hear of some investments in regard to manufacturing interests which now appear earnest, but for fear the fever subsides, will not give names. Mark our prediction, 1880 will witness a splendid forward movement in Hickman.

Mr. James Koger leaves Hickman this week for Nashville, to attend the organization of the Hickman, Tiptonville and St. Louis Transportation company. This company is organized with the special view of moving the corn and wheat crops along the Mississippi via the Nashville railroad. It will remain permanently in the trade, the year out, and not for the season, as boats heretofore have been run.

CITY ELECTION—WHO ARE VOTERS.—Our annual election for Mayor and Councilmen occurs Monday week (Jan. 5). The terms of the city charter denies the privilege of voting in such elections to delinquent taxpayers, and from the Mayor's message, in this issue, the delinquent list must be quite large. Look to it, see the collector, who is ready to accept you, and pay your taxes. No pay, no vote, is the law in this matter.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" cures dyspepsia, indigestion and heartburn.
For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

The annual issue of Professor Tice's "Weather Forecasts and American Abundance for 1880," is out, and we learn that the first edition of over 20,000 copies was sold within eight days of its publication, and a second larger one put to press. It is fuller and more specific in its weather prognostications for 1880 than formerly, and a variety of subjects of interest, such as plagues, and the astronomical relations thereto, heat and sun-strikes, cyclones, facts for foretelling the weather, &c., are discussed. Copy can be obtained by enclosing 20c to Thompson, Tice & Lillingston, St. Louis, Mo.

Notice.
I, the undersigned, do hereby recommend Frank Delano to be a no-account cheap and fancy sign painter. For information go to Louis KATZMAN.
Hickman, Ky., Dec. 26, 1879.

Another Ticket.
MR. EDITOR:—I would suggest a ticket for Councilmen, which will make good officers.
Mayor—H. A. Tyler.
Councilmen—T. M. French, A. A. Faris, W. Cowgill, Charles Balthor, C. L. Randle, W. L. Gardner.
CITIZENS.

Card of Thanks.
The undersigned, clerk of the house of J. Amberg's Sons, desire to return their sincere thanks to the proprietors for the pleasant and enjoyable entertainment of an oyster supper given them at the Laclede House, Wednesday night, Dec. 24th, 1879.

R. C. ALEXANDER,
HOWARD MAXWELL,
GEO. TUDMAN.

TO TAXPAYERS.
UNDER the provisions of the city charter no citizens in arrears for city taxes are allowed to vote. I am ready and anxious to receipt all who will come forward and pay before the day of election.

Forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. Settlement must be made. No further notice will be given.
JAMES A. WARNER,
City Tax Collector.

CITY ITEMS.
CHILDREN'S SHOES AT AMBERG'S from 25 cents to \$1.25.

YOU CAN GET GOOD JEANS AT AMBERG'S FROM 20 to 40 cents.

Forty years' trial has proved "BLACK-DRAUGHT" the best liver medicine in the world.
For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

LADIES, we are now opening a most elegant line of Zephyr Shawls, Hoods, Scarfs and Nubbies in all the latest shades.
J. H. PLAUT & BRO.

IMPORTANT!
It is very important that you call and examine the new goods at J. AMBERG'S SONS before purchasing elsewhere. 3-1f

Special Notice!
The greatest bargains ever offered in the City of Hickman can be had now in all lines of goods, at
J. AMBERG'S SONS.

Let Us Have Peace.
BUT THE WAR in the price of Groceries only shows that you can buy the very best quality at the very lowest prices, at
JOHN WITTING'S.

J. Amberg's Sons
Have on hand a large lot of Men and Boys Hats, which they will sell at the following low prices—from 25c to 75c. No use of going bare-headed. "Shoot" your old hat and buy a new one.
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Vote as You Please.
BUT remember that you can buy the best quality of Groceries at the lowest prices, at
JOHN WITTING'S.

STITCH! STITCH! STITCH!
GENTLEMEN,
While you are buying Christmas presents for your children, don't forget your wives. Nothing pleases them better than a good Sewing Machine. You can get a first class machine, with all the attachments, at BUCK & COWGILL'S, for 25c to \$30.
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Commissioner's Notice.
Hurlin Circuit Court, Kentucky.
N. P. Harnes, adm'r, plaintiff,
against
N. P. Harnes, heirs and credit-ors, defendants.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of N. P. Harnes, deceased, that the undersigned, Commissioner of the Hurlin Circuit Court, under an order in the above styled cause, will attend at the County Court Clerk's office, in Hickman, Ky., from the date hereof until the fourth Monday of Jan., 1880, to receive and hear proof of claims against said decedent; and that all claims not presented to him, and proven as required by law, within the time specified above, will be forever barred.
JNO. A. WILSON,
Master Comm'r Fulton Circuit Court.
sept1-1879.

FOR REST.
A splendid store and warehouse, with large scales attached, at WOODLAND MILLS, Union county, Tenn. A good opening for a dry goods and grocery store and a fine stand for handling all kinds of country produce located on the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, between Union City and Hickman. Possession given immediately. Apply to
H. C. BAILEY,
Hickman, Ky.
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Small package of "BLACK-DRAUGHT" free of charge at
BUCK & COWGILL.

MARRIED.
On Christmas eve night, by Rev. F. K. Bradford, Mr. Charles Balthor and Miss Belle Stubbs.
May long happiness of life attend them.

In this country, on Sunday the 21st, by Rev. J. C. Reed, Mr. R. W. Williams and Miss Sarah J. Ramsey.

SPECIAL NOTICES.
Query: Why will people suffer with indigestion when "BLACK-DRAUGHT" will cure them?
For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

"HACKMETACK," a popular and fragrant perfume. Sold by C. A. HOLCOMBE, Druggist, Hickman, Ky.
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Why will you suffer with Dyspepsia and Liver complaint, Constipation, and general debility, when you get Shiloh's System Vitalizer, which we sell on a positive guarantee to cure you. Price 10 cts, and 75 cts. For sale by C. A. HOLCOMBE, Druggist, Hickman, Ky.
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Have you Dyspepsia, are you Constipated, have you a yellow skin, loss of appetite, Headache, if so don't fail to use SHILOH'S SYSTEM VITALIZER. It is guaranteed to relieve you, and will you continue to suffer when you can be cured on such terms as these. Price 10 cts, and 75 cts. Sold by C. A. HOLCOMBE, Druggist, Hickman, Ky.
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Coussens' Honey of Tar will relieve severe coughs of long standing, and prove a blessing to all who suffer with affections of the throat and lungs, and is confidently offered the public as the best remedy in the world. In our rigorous climate, where coughs and colds prevail, this favorite remedy should be in the hands of every household. When the little ones are attacked by cough, or whooping cough, nothing will afford such instant relief as Coussens' Honey of Tar. Price 50 cents. For sale by BUCK & COWGILL, Hickman, Ky.

Coussens' Compound Honey of Tar has been so long and favorably known that it needs no encomium. For coughs, colds, croup, throat, hoarseness, etc., it affords speedy relief, and is a most pleasant and efficacious remedy, honey and tar being two of its ingredients. The skill of the chemist, and the knowledge of a physician were united in its preparation, the result being a compound, which is the favorite remedy in this severe climate, and has no equal as a cure for coughs, colds, hoarseness, bronchitis, croup, etc. Use Coussens' Honey of Tar. Price 50 cents. For sale by BUCK & COWGILL, Hickman, Ky.

The Mexican Dollar.
While the difference between the Mexican dollar and Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment? One does what it promises and the other does not. The Mexican dollar says, "I am one hundred cents," but when you come to invest it you find it is only eighty-five. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment says, "I am one hundred cures," and upon trial it is found to do so in every case. It makes but one promise—to cure piles, and does so without fail. Price 20 cents a bottle. For sale by BUCK & COWGILL, Druggist, Hickman, Ky.

You Must Cure That Cough.
With Shiloh's Consumption Cure you can cure yourself. It has established the fact that consumption can be cured while the lungs are in a state of decay. Cough, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Asthma, and all diseases of Throat and Lungs, it is absolutely without an equal. Two doses will relieve your child of the Croup, it is pleasant to take and perfectly harmless to the youngest child, and no mother can afford to be without it. You can use two-thirds of a bottle, and will refund the price paid. Price 10 cts, 50 cts, and \$1.00 per bottle. If your lungs are sore or Chest or Back lame, use Shiloh's Pectoral Plaster. Sold by C. A. HOLCOMBE, Druggist, Hickman, Ky.
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Commercial.
HICKMAN COURIER OFFICE.
FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 1879.
COUNTRY PRODUCE, ETC.

PORK, 4c.
DRIED FRUIT—Apples 5 to 6 cents; Peaches 7 to 8 cents.
WHEAT, market price 90c to \$1.25 per bush.
MEAL, 40c, from wagons.
BEEF WAX, 20c per lb.
HIDES, green, 3c; dry salted, 12c; dry flint, 18c.
FEATHERS, 45c to 50c per lb., prime.
TALLOW, 5c per lb.
BUTTER, 16c per lb.
POULTRY, Spring chickens \$1.50; old 2c to 2.25 per dozen.
EGGS, 15c per dozen.
BARRILES—Cypress Molasses Barrels, \$1.50; Iron bound \$1.60. Flour 45c, Apple and Potato 35c. Kraut and Pickle Stands 75c to \$1.50. Cabbage Kegs, Iron bound, 10 gal a, 90c; Oak, 90c.

GROCERIES.
BACON, sides 10c; shoulders 7c; hams 12c.
CHEESE, 12 1/2c per pound.
COFFEE, Rio, 16c to 20c per lb.
CRACKERS, 7c per lb.
CORN OIL, 20c per gallon.
CANDLES, star, 15c per lb.
LARD, Hickman Mills, 7c.
MOLASSES, 30c to 40c per gal; 45c per half barrel.
LARD OIL, \$1.00 per gallon.
YORK CO., manufactured per lb. 50c to 75c.
SALT—No barrel salt in the market; sack salt, \$1.50, fine, 52.

HARDWARE, ETC.
CASTINGS, 3c per lb.
IRON, bar size, 2 1/2c per lb.
PLOW STEEL, 5c per lb.
PLOW STEEL, WINN 5 1/2c per lb.
IRON AXLES, 3c per lb.
NAILS, 50 cts rates.
HORSE SHOE NAILS, 30c per lb.
STEEL, cast, M. & A., 20c to 25c.
STEEL PLOWS, 8 1/2c per lb.
HUBS, 1 1/2c to 2 1/2c per set.
PICKERS, Hertsbeck, Balthor & Knorr, No. 1, \$6.00; No. 2, \$7.00; No. 3, \$8.50; No. 4, \$9.00.
Balthor's patent one horse plow \$9.00, extra plow moulds \$2.00 each. Cotton scrapers same.

Powell & Bro., from various factories, one horse plow, \$5.00 to \$6.00; two horse plow \$5.00 to \$6.00.

SUNDRIES.
RAGGING, 10c to 12c per yard.
ROPE, machine 15c to 20c.
TIES, safe.

LEATHER, kip skins \$1.50 to \$2.50; sole, per lb. 30c to 35c; upper sole, \$4.50 to \$5.00. PRIZES, 4c per yard.
DOMESTIC, \$1.25 to 1.50 per yard.
JEANS, 20c to 25c per yard.

New Advertisements.

New! New! New!!!
F. E. CASE,
Retail Dealer in
Staple and Fancy
GROCERIES.

Keeps in stock at all times fresh and choice Groceries, Provisions, Canned and Fresh Fruit, etc. Country Produce Bought and kept for sale.
J. H. PLAUT & BRO.

TOYS IN GREAT VARIETY
Toilet Sets, Vases, Wax and China Dolls, Mirrors, Alphabet Blocks, Picture Books, Latest Style Box Paper, Also a Complete Stock of Perfumery, Toilet Soaps, Dyes, Medicines, etc., etc., at a cut.
FORTUNE & COMPANY.

HOLIDAY GOODS!
Fortune's Drug Store.

Complete Stock in Every Line Ever brought to Hickman, at DEFY COMPETITION.

Just Opening, Direct from the Manufacturers, and

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FRIDAY, : : : : DEC. 26, 1879.

Whisky vs. State Finances.

Mr. George, the State Senator from this District, has been giving the subject of the deficit in our State finances some thought and investigation. He says that a comparison of the figures furnished by the State Auditor's reports, the years before and since the adoption of option laws in Kentucky, shows the chief cause of the lessened revenue to the State. We haven't the Auditor's reports before us to investigate the matter, but he cites the fact that by operation of the option law in the different counties hundreds of saloons, which in former years paid \$150 each to the State, are now closed, and the State derives no revenue from such sources; and that in the main the consumption of whisky has not been materially diminished. Upon this view of facts, he will introduce a bill in the Legislature, immediately upon its assembling, taxing all drug stores, and houses dealing in liquor, a sum equal to the revenue lost by the closing of saloons.

Speaking of Senator George, reminds us that the COURIER likely did him injustice in regard to the employment of his political convictions. When visiting Hickman, this week, he said he fully endorsed our position as to working them on the county roads, but differs only as to its practicality. His efforts will be in favor of anything feasible in this direction.

Our Financial Condition.

The following figures, taken from the forthcoming report of the State Auditor, shows the financial status of Kentucky. The estimated expenditures of the State for the year ending October 10, 1880, \$1,741,800.00. The total estimated receipts for 1880 are \$950,000.00. The estimated deficit for 1880, \$791,800.00. On October 10th there was in the Treasury \$365,976.37.

It will be perceived that the estimated receipts fall short of estimated expenditures to the amount of \$745,823.63. On October 10th there was in the Treasury \$365,976.37.

Deducting this balance from the estimated shortage and there remains a sum of \$679,912.35 to be supplied, either by additional taxation or some other means.—(Lexington Transcript.)

If Kentucky had been under Republican control these past years, this exhibit of our financial condition would be charged to "recklessness," "extravagance," "bad management," or maybe something worse. But, as it is, it is attributed to depreciation in the taxable values of the State, and all the legislators who have been elected the past 15 years on a pledge of "economy, retrenchment, &c." hold their reputation as "statesmen," &c. But, put what coloring you please on it, it shows bad management. The sensible, prudent business man, when he sees his property and business depreciating, lessens the expenses of his house so as to come inside of his receipts—his income. This is precisely what our Legislatures ought to have done, but, evidently from the statement above, didn't do. The real cause of this shortage is no doubt attributable to a variety of causes, but the great underlying cause rests on the election of so many utterly incompetent men to represent us in the Legislature—men who when they take their seats at Frankfort know nothing whatever of State affairs, and the few months they serve there is too short a time to learn much. The people send some splendid men to the Legislature, but they also send a herd of incompetents—clever men, but lacking in the information and qualifications necessary for an immediate discharge of the duties of their position. If we select a man for a lawyer, a doctor, or any special line of business, wisdom says select one whose education, experience, &c., qualifies him for position; but the rule is not always observed in choosing legislators. We often select men who admit themselves, and who everybody knows, knows nothing of State affairs or current politics. It is impossible that such a man, unless wonderfully quick, should make a good legislator. The "short" condition of State finances we attribute to the election of just such material. The competent members have not been able to control the incompetents, and hence hundreds of little leakages have crept in, and in the aggregate we have the result as above. It is not the result of dishonesty or corruption, but as Doesticks has it, exclusively from "dampfoolism."

The count in Maine is creating a furor of excitement. The following circular gives an indication:

New York, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Washington says: "A circular, without any signature, has been sent to the clerks in the departments from Maine, who served in the Union army during the war, ordering them to so arrange their affairs that they can meet without delay at the Grand Army hall to organize a rifle club and start at once for Augusta, Me. The circular says that uniforms, great coats and caps have been furnished, and rations, transportation and a supply of Spencer rifles will be provided on the way North."

They have been enjoying extreme cold weather in the North recently.

No more Congress until January 6.

The Courts sustain the Postmaster General in the order not to deliver letters to lottery men.

GRANT will be the Republican candidate for President; but if not Blaine stands next.

A COMMITTEE of Congressmen are to inspect the Mississippi river from its source to its mouth, next March, at Uncle Sam's expense.

Edison's new lamp is now a conceded success. It will save half the cost for oil, abolish the use of matches, can be used in a powder magazine with as much safety as cold iron, makes no smoke, and will enable any small town to be as well lighted as cities now are with gas.

The exodus of the colored folks from the South to the North—Kansas and Indiana—has broken out afresh, and it is said that it has just begun, and that thousands of negroes in Louisiana, the Carolinas and other States, are prepared to follow between this time and spring. The Northern States selected show unmistakably that the Republican party is at the bottom of the exodus. We say, speed the parting words. They may change the political complexion of Indiana, but in the long run it will prove good.

The Stars, Old Fall.

The shower predicted by Prof. Tice to occur at 1 o'clock A. M. on the morning of the 14th of November, occurred on the 16th (Sunday) at from 1 to 3:30 P. M., as observed at Griffin, Ga., by many persons. The day was perfectly clear, and the meteors could only be seen by hiding the sun entirely. Thus: Place yourself on the east side of a two-story house with the sun fairly below the top of the roof, when, in a space of twenty feet east, north and northwest, they were plainly visible going west. Some were darting while others moved slowly. Some were large and distinct, while others were small. The tails of some were visible, while meteors could not be seen at all, appearing as streaks of lightning, only lasting longer. It would have been a sight grand beyond description had it been on a dark, clear night, as there were very many—as many as four or five at a time visible in a space of ten feet square above the top of a two-story building. They were first observed by a negro boy and reported. I noticed it from 3:30. It may have continued longer, though not till night.—(J. Draper, Sr., in Asheville Argus.)

Howling Maine.

Additional telegrams were sent here to-day, urging Senator Blaine to set up a dual Legislature in Maine, and place the controversy in such a position that Congress will take cognizance of it. One plan, which is under consideration, is after the voters there have improvised their rump Legislature, to declare that Maine is denied a republican form of government, and call upon the President to execute the constitutional provision guaranteeing it. A Governor, repugnant to the form, is to be named, and the President is to name him. One of the legal precedents which has been raked up to sustain the President in case of the recognition of the pretended Legislature is a decision covering fifty-four pages, made by Justice Taft in what is known as the Rhode Island case. The plan of the Blaine followers will be to set up their bogus Legislature and elect Davis Governor. Of course the Fusionists will elect either Garcelon, the Democrat or Smith, the Greenbacker. This will at once precipitate the question of National recognition, and the President now being put upon the President is to deny him to the pledge that he will recognize Davis and his legislature. Gen. Garfield said to have said, to-day, that under the contingency thus outlined the President will recognize Davis and his legislature. (Gen. Garfield said to have said, to-day, that under the contingency thus outlined the President will recognize Davis and his legislature.)

A telegram was sent to Senator Hamlin, at Augusta, to-night, saying that Garfield urged resistance, even at the expense of blood, and that Garfield had a long talk with Hayes to-day, who was terribly incensed, and who indicated that he would sustain the bolting Legislature if it was set up.

A Good "Southern Claim."

The bill of Senator Bailey, of Tennessee, appropriating the income of the undistributed bounty money due to colored soldiers to the five leading educational institutions of the South for colored people, seems to be in every way commendable. The bill now amounts to \$510,000, and invested in 4 per cents as provided in the bill, will give annually over \$5,000 to each of the institutions named—Howard University, of Washington; Hampton (Va.) Normal and Agricultural Institute, of Norfolk; Fiske University, of Nashville; Atlanta (Ga.) University and Straight University of New Orleans. Such a sum would greatly increase the resources of all these institutions, and as the fund really belongs to the colored race, the income of it cannot be paid back in any better way. If the Government takes care of the higher education of the race, it will raise teachers and leaders who will in turn stimulate their primary education. This is such a "Southern claim" as we are glad to see preferred, and we only hope that Congress will not be so very busy at the laborious task of doing nothing as to wholly overlook some things which ought to be done.

Mr. J. L. Bone, of Arlington, sued Messrs. W. L. Ringe and Benny Cunniff for damages in the sum of \$10,000 before the Common Pleas Court, on the ground of false imprisonment. The case is an outgrowth of the Arlington burglary case that was tried in the Ballard Circuit Court several months ago, in which Mr. Bone was made party defendant, under indictment by the grand jury, but was acquitted on trial.—(Clinton Democrat.)

John B. Clay is the only child of Henry Clay now living. He has a comfortable home at Lexington, owning 200 of the paternal acres and many beautiful horses.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Honorable City Council of Hickman, Ky.: Gentlemen—In pursuance of the requirements of our charter, I herewith, through you, submit to you a report of the financial condition of our city.

Our charter requiring this statement this early, before the whole year's business is closed up, renders it impossible to be exact. This difficulty has been greatly increased through the remission of our tax collector in not closing up his collection of the revenue, he being at this time twenty-five hundred dollars behind.

Yet, I am confident that when all the settlements are in and the accounts of the year are all closed, it will not be found to vary in any particular as much as one hundred dollars from my statement herein. The statement is predicated upon the condition our finances will be in when all the accounts are closed up, including tax collector.

You, gentlemen, began your duties under more unfavorable auspices than any previous council for years. After exhausting the revenue of 1878, you had to meet nine hundred and eighty-six dollars of part due funded bonds, and two thousand dollars of unpaid checks, without a dollar in the treasury. In addition to this our city had just passed through a dreadful sanitary condition, and you had been elected upon a distinct understanding that no expense should be spared to remove every cause of unhealthiness and disease. How well we have been able to do this, I leave to the judgment of the health of our city for the past year, sufficiently attested.

Total revenue collected of 1879, \$6,000.00
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Privilege taxes, 950.00
Police Court fines, 200.00
Market master, 2.00
Total revenue, \$8,574.42
Paid on funded bonds, \$2,993.00
Paid on funded bonds, 1,743.00
Paid on unfunded river bank bonds, 509.20
Total paid on bonded debt, \$5,245.20

Balance to meet current expenses and outstanding checks, \$3,329.22
The total expense of the city government for the year, including salaries of all the officers, commissions on all collections, sanitary regulations, street work, etc., aggregate a sum total of \$2,225.00. Little more than was paid to officers alone a few years back.

This left a balance applied to paying off outstanding checks the sum of \$903.42. Making a total payment on old debt this year, \$2,148.02. Leaving outstanding checks, \$1,100.00. Unfunded bonds, 1,000.00. Funded bonds, 264.00.

Total indebtedness of every kind, \$27,384.00. I have not included the river bank bonds, of which there is outstanding about \$1,000 as the city is not required to pay these except in taking them for to sell them for what they will bring in front they were issued. They have, however, materially crippled the resources of the city for a number of years, as they aggregate a sum total of \$2,225.00.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

HICKMAN, KY., Dec. 22, 1879. Council met, Present—Mayor Tyler, Councilmen French, Faris, Plummer, Campbell and Landrum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

WEST HICKMAN WALK.

A. A. Faris, presented an account for lumber and building West Hickman side walk, which was ordered to be directed to apportion the same to the twenty-five hundred dollars behind.

PAYING OFFICERS.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to issue checks to all the city officers for six months salary.

STREET WORK CLAIMS.

The street work committee presented the following accounts for street work, which was allowed:

John Ringwood, \$800.00; M. Isbell, 400.00; W. B. Plummer, 600.00; E. Thompson, 400.00; J. D. Stephens, 400.00; J. Barry, 350.00; Tom Steele, 250.00; Louis Guinn, 250.00; Tom Warren, 675.00; Thos. McRobert, 250.00; Louis Gibbs, 675.00; Dan Koon, 250.00; J. W. Menigau, 1,000.00; M. Shaw, 1,250.00; Andy Shaw, 1,250.00; Barbee, 1,750.00; C. Thompson, 1,750.00; Sam Trev, 1,000.00; E. W. Metheny, 1,750.00; Dick Brown, 1,250.00; W. P. Montgomery, 250.00; Carey Gleason, 400.00; J. A. Warner, 1,000.00; W. Diestelbrink, 700.00; Wm. Lawson, 100.00; Gus Gleason, 250.00; W. P. Montgomery, 250.00.

EXTRA SERVICES.

On motion, R. E. Miller was allowed \$50 for extra services as City Clerk.

BOND LOST.

On motion, ordered that a duplicate of river bank bonds be issued to J. W. Mangel, it appearing that the original is lost.

ELECTION ORDERED.

On motion, the election for a City Clerk, held at the city hall in the city of Hickman, on Monday, January 5, 1879, and that Joe Kirkpatrick and R. M. Metheny be appointed judges, James A. Warner, sheriff, and R. E. Miller, clerk.

AGAINST FIRE.

On motion, the clerk was directed to insure the city hall.

ASSESSMENTS.

Ordered that \$1,000 assessed to G. H. Hunter under the equalization law, be struck from his list.

On motion, ordered that John Trant, warden of the city jail, be assessed \$1,800 under the equalization law.

SUIT ORDERED.

On motion, ordered that on or before the 7th day of January, 1880, that the City Attorney commence proceedings in the City Court against Jas. A. Warner, City Tax Collector, and his sureties on his official bond.

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